

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINES  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1514**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.12.2018

**GOLD MINING IN THE COUNTRY**

1514. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any taken special measures for exploration of gold in different parts of the country followed by mining for depending upon commercial viability;
- (b) the most potential gold mines in the country worthy of extraction of the precious metal from commercial perspective;
- (c) whether Government has auctioned any gold mine in the last three years; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and total quantity of gold extracted in last three years, mine-wise, year-wise?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINES AND COAL  
(SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

- (a) GSI carries out different stages of exploration for different mineral commodities including gold, depending on the geological potential of the area in different parts of the country. GSI hands over the resource bearing mineral investigation reports to the concerned state governments for consideration in the auctioning process. The details of gold investigation programmes carried out by GSI in last three years (FS 2015-16 to FS 2017-18) as well as the gold investigation programmes taken up in the current field season (FS 2018-19) are given in Annexure-I & II.
- (b) Presently gold is being produced in four mines i.e. (i) Kunderkocha Gold Mine, Jharkhand (ii) Hutti, Karnataka (iii) Uti, Karnataka and (iv) Hirabuddini, Karnataka.
- (c) Four gold mines/blocks have been auctioned in last three years, the details are as under –

State	Name of the Block	Area (Hect.)	Auction for	E-auction date	Remarks
Andhra Pradesh	Chigargunta-Bisanatham	262.01	ML	27.07.2018	Preferred Bidder- NMDC Ltd.
Chhattisgarh	Baghmara, Balodabazar-Bhatapara	607.94	PL Cum ML	26.02.2016	Preferred Bidder – Vedanta Ltd.
Jharkhand	Pahadia gold block,	279.609	PL Cum ML	26.10.2016	Preferred Bidder –

	Singbhum West				Maithan Ispat Ltd.
Jharkhand	Parasi gold and associated minerals, Tamar block, Distt. Ranchi	69.24	ML	01.11.2017	Preferred Bidder – Rungta Mines Ltd.

(d) as per information available, none of the above auctioned blocks have reported any production. However the production figures of last three years of presently working mines, as mentioned in part (b) above, are as under –

Mine Name	State	Mineral	Unit	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18 (Provisional)
				Qty	Qty	Qty
Kunderkocha Gold Mine	Jharkhand	Gold Ore	Tonnes	4153	5581	4618
		Gold Primary	Kg	13	15	8
Hutti	Karnataka	Gold Ore	Tonnes	522901	538396	509356
		Gold Primary	Kg	1245	1472	1516
Uti	Karnataka	Gold Ore	Tonnes	12083	6566	0
		Gold Primary	Kg	**	1	37
Hirabuddini	Karnataka	Gold Ore	Tonnes	23819	31737	35721
		Gold Primary	Kg	65	107	87

\*\* Negligible

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**State wise details of Gold exploration programmes carried out by GSI in the past three years  
(Field Season 2015-16 to Field Season 2017-18)**

Sl No	Field Season	Name of Mineral Block /area	State	District	Commodity
1	FS2015-16	Sindauri East Block	Jharkhand	Ranchi	Gold
2	FS2015-16	Bhitar Dari block	Jharkhand	Singhbhum	Gold
3	FS2015-16	Gani and Kalava area of Cuddapah basin	Andhra Pradesh	Kurnool district	Gold
4	FS2015-16	Bangaragatti Block	Karnataka	Dharwar	Gold
5	FS2015-16	Maruthipura-Attigere Block, North Kanara-Shimoga Schist Belt	Karnataka	Haveri	Gold
6	FS2015-16	Basavanagudda block, Chitradurga Schist Belt	Karnataka	Tumkur	Gold
7	FS2015-16	Jagpura area	Rajasthan	Banswara	Gold
8	FS 2016-17	Gotet Area	Madhya Pradesh.	Taikamgarh	Gold
9	FS 2016-17	Chakariya block	Madhya Pradesh.	Sidhi	Gold
10	FS 2016-17	Imaliya block	Madhya Pradesh.	Katni	Gold
11	FS 2016-17	Ampuli Area	Arunachal Pradesh.	Lower Subansiri	Gold
12	FS 2016-17	Gutamidapalle block	Andhra Pradesh.	Chittoor	Gold
13	FS 2016-17	Ajjanahalli Block-E	Karnataka	Tumkur	Gold
14	FS 2016-17	Ajjanahalli Block-D	Karnataka	Tumkur	Gold
15	FS 2016-17	Paramanahalli Central & North Block	Karnataka	Chitradurga	Gold
16	FS 2016-17	Yerekatte Area	Karnataka	Shimogha	Gold
17	FS 2016-17	Timmanahalli area	Karnataka	Tumkur	Gold
18	FS 2016-17	Bagali-Uppanayakanahalli area	Karnataka	Bellary	Gold
19	FS 2016-17	Kanvi Honnapur & Kadinakoppa area	Karnataka	Dharwad	Gold
20	FS 2016-17	Ingaldhal – Hiriyur area	Karnataka	Chitradurga	Gold
21	FS 2016-17	Anjukunnu, Panamaram area	Kerala	Wayanad	Gold
22	FS 2016-17	Puzhikkunnu, Chullipara and Anamuli area	Kerala	Palakkad	Gold
23	FS 2016-17	Maharajagadai –Bargur area	Tamil Nadu	Krishnagiri	Gold
24	FS 2016-17	Mahuri Khera Block	Rajasthan	Pratapgarh	Gold
25	FS 2016-17	Devla Pal and Narwari area	Rajasthan	Pratapgarh-Udaipur	Gold
26	FS 2016-17	Pal Nithuwa area	Rajasthan	Dungarpur	Gold

27	FS 2016-17	Mahuri Khera extension area	Rajasthan	Pratapgarh-Udaipur	Gold
28	FS 2017-18	Thapna – Garhor—Baghara area	Madhya Pradesh.	Sidhi	Gold
29	FS 2017-18	Dongripali, Jamjuri & Kurlupali area,	Madhya Pradesh.	Mahasamund	Gold
30	FS 2017-18	Puriara- Bamundiha- Banjora area	West Bengal	Purulia	Gold
31	FS 2017-18	Kantalasua- Kulunga areas	Odisha	Keonjhar and Dhenkanal	Gold
32	FS 2017-18	Bhitardari	Jharkhand	East Singhbhum	Gold
33	FS 2017-18	Possa-Kamcha area	Arunachal Pradesh	Subansiri	Gold
34	FS 2017-18	Kumbhiya -Haripur area	Uttar Pradesh	Sonbhadra district	Gold
35	FS 2017-18	Kurnool area	Andhra Pradeesh	Kurnool District	Gold
36	FS 2017-18	Ajjanahalli Block-F	Karnataka	Tumkur	Gold
37	FS 2017-18	Rangaswamy Betta-Tarikere areas	Karnataka	Tumkur	Gold
38	FS 2017-18	Chikkonnakuni area	Karnataka	Raichur	Gold
39	FS 2017-18	Madanyakkanahalli-Kallenahalli areas,	Karnataka	Chitradurga	Gold
40	FS 2017-18	Nerlakere, Maddakere, Gollarahalli, Kanchipura area	Karnataka	Chitradurga	Gold
41	FS 2017-18	Forest block of Karajgi area,	Karnataka	Haveri	Gold
42	FS 2017-18	Salagudda block	Karnataka	Haveri	Gold
43	FS 2017-18	Timmanahalli Block,	Karnataka	Tumkur	Gold
44	FS 2017-18	Paramanahalli Central and North	Karnataka	Chitradurga	Gold
45	FS 2017-18	Mattattur- Ponmala area	Kerala	Malapuram	Gold
46	FS 2017-18	Nandavel and Dhandawali areas	Rajasthan	Udaipur	Gold
47	FS 2017-18	Devla Pal and Narwari area	Rajasthan	Pratapgarh and Udaipur	Gold

**State wise details of Gold exploration programmes taken up by GSI in Field Season 2018-19**

Sl No	Field Season	Name of Mineral Block / area	State	District	Commodity
1	2018-19	Sonkurwa block and Byodhihar-Bagadha block	Madhya Pradesh	Singrauli District	Gold
2	2018-19	Budhadol-Sulkhan-Aklatola area	Madhya Pradesh	Singrauli District	Gold
3	2018-19	Barjor area	Chhattisgarh	Jashpur district	Gold & Sulfide
4	2018-19	Dudhmania area	Madhya Pradesh	Sidhi district	Gold, REE
5	2018-19	Birkuniya – Barawani – Chatri area	Madhya Pradesh	Singrauli district	Gold, its associated sulphide
6	2018-19	Jiligda-Kharswan-Dugni areas	Jharkhand	Saraikela Kharswan District	Gold, its associated sulphide
7	2018-19	Kubasal, Jargo, Serengdih areas	Jharkhand	Ranchi District	Gold and associated minerals
8	2018-19	Ampuli area	Arunachal Pradesh	Papum Pare District	Gold and associated basemetal
9	2018-19	Central block of Gulaldih area	Uttar Pradesh	Sonbhadra district	Gold
10	2018-19	Nornis, Kesar and Kidmong area	Jammu and Kashmir	Leh district	Gold and PGE
11	2018-19	Ilhal area,	Karnataka	Bidar District	Gold
12	2018-19	Hosa hulihalli, Sunakalbidri and adjoining areas	Karnataka	Haveri District	Gold
13	2018-19	Kanivehali and adjoining areas	Karnataka	Davanagere and Bellary Districts	Gold
14	2018-19	Hotanhalliarea (Hangal taluk)	Karnataka	Haveri district	Gold
15	2018-19	Belgalpet- Balambidarea, Hangal taluk	Karnataka.	Haveri district	Gold
16	2018-19	Edathanur and Pudurnattam area	Tamil Nadu	Tiruvanamalai district	Gold and associated mineralisation
17	2018-19	Ajjanahalli Block-I	Karnataka	Tumkur District	Gold
18	2018-19	Jharka Block, Southeast of Mahuwal	Rajasthan	Banswara district	Gold and associated basemetal
19	2018-19	Tartai Block, NW of Mahuwal,	Rajasthan	Banswara district	Gold and associated basemetal